

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method of producing a plurality of bodies, each body (10) bearing an optical structure, the optical structures being substantially equal, being associated with a respective information carrier for containing user information, and being indicative of characteristic information for providing access to the user information, characterized by the steps of:

- producing a stamp (13) by attaching particles (14) to a surface (15) of an auxiliary body (16); and
- using the stamp (13) to imprint an imprintable material, thereby producing the plurality of bodies, the each body (10) having at least a surface portion bearing an imprint (11) of the stamp (13).

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the step of applying to the imprint (11) of the each body (10) a layer of reflecting material (22) having a surface (23) facing away from the imprint (11), which surface substantially follows the imprint (11).

3. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized by the steps of:

- applying over the imprint (11) of the each body (10) a layer of another, substantially transparent, imprintable material (30);
- using the stamp (13) an additional time to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material (30), thereby making an additional imprint (31) on the each body (10).

4. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, characterized by the steps of:

- producing an additional stamp (13') by attaching particles (14') to a surface (15') of an additional auxiliary body (16');
- applying a layer of an other, substantially transparent, imprintable material (30) over the imprint (11) of the each body (10);
- using the additional stamp (13') to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material (30), thereby making an additional imprint (31) on the each body (10).

5. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 ~~or~~ 4, characterized in that the imprintable material used has a first refractive index, and the other imprintable material (30) has a second refractive index, the second refractive index being different from the first refractive index.

6. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 ~~or~~ 4, characterized by the step of interposing a substantially transparent separation layer (32) between the imprint (11) and the layer of the other imprintable material (30) of the each body (10).

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the imprintable material used has a first refractive index, and the separation layer (32) has a third refractive index, the third refractive index being different from the first refractive index.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the step of applying a substantially transparent covering layer (20) over the imprint (11) of the each body (10).

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the each body (10) is a laminated body comprising a reflective layer (21).

10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the each body (10) is integral with the respective information carrier (40).

11. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or~~ 4, characterized in that particles of diamond are used as the particles (14).

12. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or~~ 4, characterized in that particles having a size ranging between 100 nm and 1 μ m are used as the particles (14).